



PHOTO AVAILABLE: Feb. 1-2: State Of Illinois American Legion Commander Services Honoring Dept. Commander William Hudson

William C. Hudson, Department of Illinois Commander, The American Legion, 2008-2009, passed on Jan. 27, 2009

Media Advisory

BLOOMINGTON, Ill./EWorldWire/Jan. 31, 2009 --- The American Legion Department Of Illinois issues the following statement:

Honorable Department Commander William "Bill" Hudson passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 at 2:20 p.m. from lung cancer. Those who wish to pay their respects to this beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend and colleague may join others at:

Bill Hudson Visitation and Funeral

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009
Visitation

2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Blake-Lamb Funeral Home
4727 W. 103rd St.
Oak Lawn, IL
708-636-1193

Monday, Feb. 2, 2009
Memorial Service

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Blake-Lamb Funeral Home
4727 W. 103rd St.
Oak Lawn, IL
708-636-1193

Lunch
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Evergreen Park Post #854
9701 S. Kedzie Ave.
Evergreen Park, IL
708-422-9513

Funeral
1:00 p.m.

The procession will leave the Evergreen Park Post #854 and travel to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for burial.

About William "Bill" Hudson

Hudson held a long-serving career which included a tour of duty in the Army from 1959 to 1962 and one year as a M.P. in the Army Reserve.

The past Commander of Evergreen Park Post # 854 began his move through positions in the Great 8th District in 2001, completing all preceding chairs including 8th District Commander and First Division Commander. He attended Officers' Training School and graduated the American Legion Extension course; he served on the Internal Affairs Commission for the Department and on the National Distinguished Guest Committee.

Upon retirement from the Chicago Police Department after 32 years, he had spent a quarter-century - 25 of those years - in the K-9 Unit. He was also a SWAT team member.

Hudson held a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill.

Hudson is survived by his wife of 44 years, Darlene, who always gave him her full support, along with two daughters and two grandchildren, and a host of American Legion veterans and volunteers.

More information is available by contacting Mark Sides at 309-721-3886.

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